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SUBJ: ARTICLE II.5 (MIRV DEFINITION) (SALT TWO - 1315)

1. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT NEGOTIATING RECORD
DEMONSTRATES THAT SIDES ARE IN AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE
OF MIRV LAUNCHER DEFINITION AND "BOOSTER TYPE RULE"
CONTAINED IN ARTICLE II.5.

2. DELEGATION PLANS TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING NEW FORMULATION
AND AGREED STATEMENT FOR ARTICLE II.5:

A. ARTICLE II.5 - LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED
WITH MULTIPLE INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES
(MIRVS) ARE LAUNCHERS FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS OR SLBMS OF
A TYPE THAT HAS BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED WITH TWO OR MORE
RE-ENTRY VEHICLES WHICH CAN BE DIRECTED TO SEPARATE
AIM POINTS ALONG TRAJECTORIES WHICH ARE UNRELATED TO
EACH OTHER.

B. AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II.5 - THE PARTIES
AGREE THAT ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRVS ARE
ICBMS AND SLBMS OF THE TYPES WHICH HAVE BEEN FLIGH-
TESTED WITH MIRVS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY
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HAVE ALSO BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED WITH A SINGLE RE-ENTRY
VEHICLE OR WITH MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES WHICH
ARE NOT INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE: CURRENTLY FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MINUTEMAN III ICBM AND
POSEIDEN C-3 SLBM; CURRENTLY FOR THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, RS-16, RS-18, RS-20 ICBMS AND
RSM-50 SLBM; AND FOR BOTH PARTIES IN THE FUTURE, ALL

ICBMS AND SLBMS OF THE TYPES WHICH HAVE BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED WITH MIRVS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN FLIGHT-TESTED WITH A SINGLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLE OR WITH MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY VEHICLES WHICH ARE NOT INDEPENDENTLY TARGETABLE. FORMULATION WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF CORRESPONDING US DESIGNATIONS FOR SOVIET MISSILES.

3. DELEGATION BELIEVES ABOVE LANGUAGE ACCOMPLISHES OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING SOVIET AGREEMENT TO "BOOSTER TYPE RULE," WITHOUT USING THE WORD "BOOSTER." TO BE CERTAIN THAT NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS SUBSTANTIVE ACCEPTANCE OF THE "BOOSTER TYPE RULE" BY THE SOVIETS, DELEGATION WILL AT TIME OF TABLING THE ABOVE FORMULATION AFFIRM THAT CRITERION FOR ESTABLISHING THAT MISSILES ARE OF SAME TYPE IS "BOOSTER" OR MAIN PROPULSION SYSTEM, REGARDLESS OF PAYLOAD. (FYI: IN THIS REGARD, DELEGATION DOES NOT BELIEVE PROPOSAL WOULD PREJUDICE US OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO CONSTRAINTS ON "NEW ICBMS." DELEGATION, IN PROPOSING LANGUAGE TO BAN TESTING OF "NEW ICBMS," WILL FOCUS ON CHANGES TO EXISTING ICBM MAIN PROPULSION SYSTEM (VICE "BOOSTER"), GUIDANCE SYSTEMS, SELF-CONTAINED DISPENSING MECHANISMS AND PAYLOAD, RATHER THAN ON A "NEW ICBM" AS AN ENTITY.)
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